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body,] once per day in the evening or at night combined with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable [carriers] carrier, to produce a reduction in total and LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and Lp(a), with a significant increase in HDL cholesterol.

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5. (Amended) A method as set forth in Claim 1 wherein said nicotinic acid or compound metabolized to nicotinic acid by the body is prepared by formulating the active compound with from about [5%] 5 to about [50%] 50 parts by weight of hydroxypropyl methylcellulose per 100 parts by weight of tablet.

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7. (Amended) A method, as set forth in Claim 4, wherein said binder is [a polymer having the repeating polymerization unit 1-ethenyl-2-pyrrolidone] polyvinyl pyrrolidone.

Cancel claims 10-12 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add new claim 13 as follows:

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- -13. A method of treating hyperlipidemia in a hyperlipidemic comprising dosing the hyperlipidemic with an effective antihyperlipidemic amount of a compound metabolized to nicotinic acid by the body and selected from the group consisting of nicotinyl alcohol tartrate, d-glucitol hexanicotinate, aluminum nicotinate, and, 1-alpha-tocopheryl nicotinate, once per day in the evening or at night combined with at least one pharmaceutically acceptable carrier, to produce a reduction in total and LDL cholesterol, triglycerides and Lp(a), with a significant increase in HDL cholesterol. - -

## REMARKS

Claims 1-12 are pending in this application. Claims 1-9 and 11 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 in that, as the Examiner states, the specification does not adequately describe "compound metabolized nicotinic acid".